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Bishop Haven's Death.

Although Bishop Haven did not die until six o'clock in the evening of Saturday week, it became evident in the morning that his end was near and his physician so said to him. His reply was this: "When that agony was upon me at the beginning of this illness, I feared it was the grip of death." He expressed a wish to see as many of his friends as called upon him, to each or whom he had something to say. To one caller his remark was: "Good-night, Doctor; when we meet again it will be good morning." An hour before he passed away he fell asleep. On awakening he looked up and said: "There is no river here; it is all beautiful." He did not speak again.

A New Industry.

FIG CULTURE AT THE NORTH.

I have just received from a gentleman in England a letter of eight pages, which advocates so earnestly and intelligently the development of this new industry in this country, I am sure your readers and the public will be well paid by its perusal. Respectfully.

G. F. NEEDHAM.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX, ENGLAND.

DEAR SIR:—The only excuse that I shall offer for addressing you is—and I trust that it will be acceptable—that I am an American, an Anglo-American now, after thirty years' residence in England (and in France), and seven years here at Brighton on the south-east coast.

I have been delighted with the notice in the *Boston Daily Advertiser* of "Fig Culture at the North," etc., in which your name is introduced as the advisor and promoter of the introduction and culture of the fig in the Northern States of America.

The only wonder is that the fig has not found a champion before, and that it has not found hundreds, aye thousands, of cultivators, and a ready market for all produced, both in the fresh and in the more matured state as shipped from Smyrna and Turkey, and paid for so dearly by Americans.

If my evidence will be of an encouragement to you or my countrymen to persevere and prosper in the introduction and culture of the fig, you have it. A delicious fruit, which I am sure may be grown out of doors in the different quarters of the United States, which "land" will grow any and every thing if proper attention is given to the article to be "exploited," as the French say.

I am a member of the committee of the Brighton and Sussex Natural History Society, and have enjoyed special opportunities for witnessing fig culture in this part of England where it is grown profusely, without any special care or outlay, though much exposed to the cold south-west winds, which are blighting in their character and effects, at certain seasons of the year; yet the fig tree survives it all, gives a good growth in the leaf and branch, yields abundantly, and the fruit ready market and gives a good profit to the grower.

I simply wish to show that in this trying climate, compared with Italy, the east and the northern parts of the United States, where the fig tree might be cultivated, if is grown, it thrives and yields a profitable crop.

Some of the fig orchards in this vicinity were planted in 1745 from some old stocks which had been brought from Italy by Thomas A. Becket. Enclosed is a leaf of the old parent tree [a very large fig leaf, G. F. N.], which still yields well every year (from which I have eaten figs for several years past).

I am satisfied that all that is said as to the culture of the fig tree, in the article above noticed is correct. If doubted, it might be well for the Commissioner of Agriculture at Washington or the State Boards of Agriculture, to make inquiry by a commissioner to this region, and let them inform the people of the facts in the case, in order to encourage the introduction and growth of the fig tree in the (northern) States, to create a new industry and a new commercial commodity for the consumers.

It is known that the fig in the fresh ripe state has a special excellence and virtue for invalids, and is eagerly sought after in its season.

Wishing you every success in your endeavor, I remain sir, your obedient servant,

GEORGE F. DENNET.

Mr. G. F. Needham, Washington, D. C, U. S.

Mr. N. will be pleased to send his pamphlet, "Fig Culture at the North a success," (which lays the foundations of a new industry), to any person enclosing a P. O. stamp.—The pamphlet gives full information as to the method of growing fig trees, how to cure figs, etc., etc. And will forward a Fig tree to all conductors of the press in the Middle and Northern States and the regions beyond, who will place Mr. Dennet's letter before their readers and address him a copy of the paper.

The next General Conference of the A. M. E. Church, will convene in St. Louis, Mo., next May. We hope at that time something will be done toward uniting Bethel and Zion Churches in the United States. Not talk—that is cheap—but action. Let somebody start the ball rolling, agitate, agitate, no surrender, no backing down till it is accomplished. Better look to your laurels, worthy Bishops and Ministers, for it is only a question of time, when the two churches will be one. The stone has already started and whoever falls thereon shall be broken, and upon whom the stone rolls shall be ground to powder. Look to your laurels reverend sirs, for "In Union there is Strength." This applies to churches as well as individuals. California is for the *Union!* with it we will succeed, without it we are sure to fail.—*Pacific Appeal.*

A Letter from Virginia.

JOHN WESLEY CROMWELL, Esq.,

Editor People's Advocate:

Much has been said, pro and con about colored Republicans voting with the Readjusters. Judging from present indications, can President Hayes, or our "Old Man Eloquent,"—Hon. Frederick Douglass—show us how we could have done any better? We speak under correction, and know something of the question involved as to "property etc. Minus 250 years of slave toil not forgotten. Repudiate this and we repudiate that other, you know. Bad as this course may be to strain out reluctant justice from our Southern whites, we have to take it as the only means, hither to offered to shield us from the sharp legislation of perjured courts, prejudiced juries and all their concomitants. It may be, that we have mounted a rotten ridge pole, instead of a well timbered keel; but in any case it gives time to cast about. I well remember hearing Hon. Frederick Douglass say, while addressing a Boston audience, that, "if the Devil offered him freedom he—Douglass—would accept." We do not argue the difference between the Devil and democrat, although it seems that both have had a sufficient following to set up business; the trouble being that the Negro, who for some time has been watching his chances, slips in, and finds them with their councils divided. He has nothing to say but, Indian like, springs his bow and follows up the arrow. In making this hazzardous leap through the dark, he deserves, not censure, but credit for his courage and cunning. When we see it dropped from the editorial pen of a Christian journal where the expressive language is used, hoping that the Negroes, like the Indians, would do something deserving a "big name," Whether that something consisted in indiscriminate murder of the whites, a well matured plan of general conflagration, poisoning the wells, driving railroad cars in the jaws of death, and thus, like Samson, bowing under his weight of woes as a final appeal to the God of justice, wind up our career, leaving the "white man to see the hell he has made,"—what was to be done? Justifiable as such a procedure may have been, I also ask, where might we have been? Nat Turner and his followers; John Brown and his prison friends—where are they! We could not, even if desirable, so far trust your Democratic government down here, which makes of Republican stilts a necessary convenience to to run Negroes out of office, as well as out of the most menial employment. Moral suasion and the laws governing free society are the only weapons which can cope with and smite down to the bottom of the many concealed, as well as open forces of proscription. Give us schools and colleges—I do not mention churches, nor the Hampton Normal School. Mark well—Some Virginia gentleman will, one day, take that School (Normal) and run it with a fair sprinkling of colored teachers R. T. Greener, John M. Langston, or some other, ought to be there to day. The result is, for their not having this teachership, our educational interests have been crippled for the 25 coming years—a few more years will lame us during life. But I am growing my lines out to over 24, which count above.

Kansas Native Lime.

Considerable beds of calcined lime, or of a singular substance closely resembling burned lime in its qualities, are found in Kansas. This "native lime," as it is called, is described by a correspondent of *The American Architect* as possessing a beautiful white color and a very fine-grained texure. It is soft, smooth, and readily made in o a plastic condition by the admixture of a suitable quantity of sand and water. The mortar thus made has seemingly indentical qualities to the best mortar as made from superior limes. The native lime is a sort of whitish and pure white clay, lying disposed favorably in beds more or less horizontal. These beds are seen to be outcropping along the borders of certain streams and in the breaks of hills, and in such places the beds can be worked entirely above the water-level. Experiments have exhibited the fact that Kansas lime mortar serves good purposes as any other usual styles or kinds of mortar, and even better than some of the artificial mortars, especially for nice inside work. The tendency of this newly discovered deposit of pseudo-lime, when made into mortar for walls and stone-work or plastering, is to set and harden soon. Another remarkable quality then noticed is its turning immediately to an intense whiteness. The beds are very thick and easily dug, so that large quantities of the substance can be thrown up, and at once applied to use. These immense beds of pseudo-lime occur in localities where railways in Eastern Kansas can be readily utilized for shipping the material to all parts of the country.—*Scientific American.*

The Three Friends.

TRANSLATED FROM THE GERMAN

BY R. J. C.

Trust no friend if thou hast not first proven him. At the board of the feast there are more of the same sort than at the door of the prison.

A man had three friends; two of them he loved very dearly, but to the third he felt indifferent, though this was his best friend.

At one time he was summoned before the judge, where he, though innocent, was seriously accused. "Who among you," said he to his friends, "will go with me and testify in my behalf? for I am unjustly accused and the king is angry with me."

The first of them immediately excused himself and said that he could not go with him on account of other business. The second accompanied him to the door of the court room, then turned round and went back from fear of the angry judge. The third, on whom he had least depended, went in, spoke for him and testified so fully of his innocence that the judge acquitted him and gave him a present.

Man has three friends in the world. How will they act in the hour of death when God will call him before his presence? Money, his best friend, will forsake him and go not with him. His relatives and friends will accompany him all the way to the door of the grave, then turn back to their houses. The third, whom he most frequently forgot, are his good deeds. They only go with him to the throne of the Judge. They go before and speaking for him, obtain mercy and favor. HERDER.

Journalism.

[From Our Age.]

Why should our papers, like bright, shining meteors, flash athwart the sky of newspaperdom, then soon disappear into ignoble darkness; "lost to sight" and to somebody's "memory dear"?

The cause is not "want of support," but this: Editors and managers lack the necessary preparation and tact. Journalism is a business, as much as farming, banking, blacksmithing. Yet of all vocations, mechanical or professional, it is one of the most difficult to manage. When one becomes affected with that dangerous disease, cacoethes scribendi—an itch for writing—he straightway enters the newspaper field. The literary qualification is only one item. It takes long years of experience, patient, unwearing application; plenty of common sense and sound judgement; a taste for the business and "cords of money"—to succeed. The business has many allurements. A writer is introduced into a wide circle. His thoughts penetrate all lands. Authorities "that be" court his favor. He is free to create, or to destroy. Moreover, there is something so engaging in the thought of holding a vast intellectual influence, and of forming the opinions and feelings, not only of the present, but of future generations, that few cultivated minds escape the desire of entering this field of literature.

No paper should be too intensely devoted to one idea. It satiates an appetite which it should seek to stimulate only. A paper should be neither contentious nor polemical; but always pure and truthful. Like the Homeric bards, the Arabian story-tellers and the best of modern journalists, the editor should aim to instruct, to charm, to be newsy, and to be a literary friend.

Unclaimed Bounty.

Most of our colored exchanges are discussing the propositions made in Congress to vote toe unclaimed bounty of colored soldiers in the late war, amounting to some $500,000 to the education of colored youth. There is no division of opinion as to the end in view but considerable disagreement as to the method of the distribution.

We trust that no disagreements as to the methods may prevent the use of the money for the worthy purpose for which it is proposed, that is, to aid in the education of the colored race, without distinction of sect or section. —Huntsville *Gazette.*

Emancipation Celebration.

Mr. Editor,

Yesterday, Jan. 1st., 1880, was a glad day in Portsmouth you may be sure. The weather was fine, and for the first time since we led together here, we had a good attendance of native whites who seem to have entered deeply into the spirit of the occasion. The meeting was at Hall's corner precinct, and presided over by Richard Elliott, Esq. who read the Proclaimation, followed by the speakers, Hon. J. H. Clements, Hon. R. G. L. Paige, Rev. Elias E. Boldin and Jno. Miller, Esq. The pointed, irresistible and conclusive argumen s drawn by speakers, especially the two first, when calling attention to the State debt, were dealt out in masterly style. Paige is a fine speaker as well as reasoner, never losing the thread of his argument. He will play havoc in the refunder's camp, without causing Old Virginia to be an antomolite in the eyes of the nation. He don't take at refunding bait worth 'nuth'n—Urges united, and consolidated action among all Republicans, especially the poor whites, and poorer colored people. We opine you will receive a favorable report from our School Board of Public Instruction after a little. Respectfully Yours,

G. T.

Exodus.

The exodus movement like Banquo's ghost will not out at the bidding of anyone, but seems instead of decreasing to be on the increase. In fact it is spreading with such rapidity as to threaten the utter desertion of certain Southern States of their colored population, and the question is being asked, what does it mean, and when will it stop? This journal having ever opposed the movement, now bows to the inevitable and recognizes that there is a cause for the movement, also that it will not stop until complete justice is accorded colored men South, and appeals to the friends of humanity to help alleviate the suffering of those in need. Let the colored people of this State respond.—*Western Echo.*

Occasionally, however, through the disappointments and heart aches arising from blighted aspirations, a few colored men may be found among the opposition to the Republican party. But they do not remain away from the old party very long. They soon find that "there is no place like home." But it would be well for the Republican managers everywhere to understand that while dispensing official patronage, they might as well pass a few loaves and fishes around among the colored voters. It will not do the party any harm. Wherever this equitable policy has been recognized and practiced, there the party is strongest and most firmly united.—*Leader.*

As a personal item, I may mention, too, the brother from the country who preached for us last Sunday night. His sermon was unrememberable and indescribable but I fortunately remember two or three lines of the hymn he sang.

They are as follows:

Oh, Deacon, do your best,
Hallelujah,
You will find some false pretender,
Hallelujah,
A fixing for to find something fur to jump at.
Hallelujah!

If you can set it up as poetry, please do so. I regret that I am unable to state the metre, to assist you in doing so. Perhaps it is *oblong* metre—it sounded that way.—Toothpick in the *Louisianian.*

It is reported that much sickness exists among the emigrants from North Carolina who have settled in Indiana. We do not believe it; but if it is so, political liberty and sickness is preferable to political slavery and health.—*Louisville Bulletin.*

The colored Congregational and Episcopal churches of this city are beginning to grow. They are drawing from the select and substantial class of our colored citizens. The ministers of these two churches are intelligent men, and capable of instructing the people.—*Brooklyn Monitor.*

Gov. Garcelon's legal advisor is a colored man—stolen when a boy five years old by a Maine skipper, carried home, educated—and now serves a party which hates his race and is ready to do anything to degrade it.—*Ex.*

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THE ADVOCATE FOR 1880.

There never was a time in the period of our existence when the ADVOCATE had a greater influence, was more widely read and more sought after than now. Though it does not publish one-fourth, or one-tenth for that matter, as many copies as it should, there being hundreds of solvent and chronic borrowers, it is nevertheless growing more and more into popular favor and acquiring a constituency all its own. There may be many positions which it has taken not in strict accordance with current opinion, but the purity of its motives, its devotion to principle and the sincerity of its action have won for it at least the respect of those differing in opinion, and quickened the confidence and support of its friends.

It prides itself in the belief that there is a bright future for that sphere of journalism of which it is the longest representative under one management that has ever been in this District; that with the advance of popular education, the general acquisition of wealth, the representation of the race in the diversified interests and industries of the country—objects worthy of the ADVOCATE'S constant labor, this sphere will widen, extend further, and be more potential.

It, therefore, takes courage and asks its friends to still rally to its cause, first by promptly renewing their own subscription for another year; secondly, by each one obtaining for us the name and money of *at least one new* subscriber for 1880. This will enable us to be more prompt, and present a paper better typographically and otherwise; it will do more—it will help to build up the only office in the District at which colored lads have the opportunity to learn the printer's art or a journeyman to obtain employment.

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THE LATE HOMICIDE.

Washington has never been more intensly excited than within the last ten days over the Hirth murder. Last Sunday all day, crowds were attracted to the bloody scene on P street, and the funeral rites proceeded in the presence of an immense concourse of people. The fact that the alleged murderers against whom the only evidence exists, are colored young men, who had received favorable treatment at the hands of Mr. Hirth, only intensified the popular feeling, and served to direct vengeance, not only against the individuals, but to occasion unfavorable reflection upon the entire Negro race of this city. If Rev. McKinney who spoke on the occasion of the funeral, did not use the words attributed to him in the *Post*, the wish of the reporter was certainly father to the thought, and many there are who would have approved it, had it been uttered.

But the stubborn fact that two-thirds of the petty and other criminals of this district are furnished by toe colored people who form only one-third of the entire population, and that the proportion is a serious obstacle to the general welfare of the better classes of the colored people, makes a remedy for repressing crime a problem of most vital interest to the future of the race.

If this proportion continues which gives six times as many criminals from one class as the other, it will act "as a body of death" neutralizing the otherwise commendable progress of the race, continually pulling as back as rapidly as we seem to advance. What "can deliver us from this body of death?"

Here are scores of young men and women passing on to manhood and womanhood without a due regard for law and order; who think that liberty means license. They defy authority; they scoff at reproof; they utterly disregrd the rights and privileges of others; fall an easy prey to temptation and swell the ranks of the criminal classes.

Something must be done, and at once, in the interest of society, or all stable government will be at an end. Communism is as preferable to a condition of society in which neither man nor God is regarded, but where brute force holds high carnival.

If there is an inadequate police system, let is be made ample and efficient; if the technicalities of the law render conviction and punishment uncertain, let them be swept away; if the penalties of the law are not sufficiently strong let them be increased in vigor; if reform in prison punishment is needed, let it be instituted at once—in short, whatever opposes itself between the frequent commission of crime and its sure repression must be done away with without delay or ceremony.

PERSONAL.

Senator T. B. Stamps, General Commission Merchant and Cotton Factor of 24 Union street, New Orleans, La., has spent the past week in this city. Prior to his trip to this city he had made an extensive tour through the states of Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi. As an evidence of Mr. Stamps' standing as a Commission Merchant and the value of his impressions, we we will state that he expects to handle this year from six to seven thousand bales of cotton, besides vast quantities of sugar and rice, which he ships direct to Liverpool. He reports the present cotton crop to be the most profitable one since emancipation. The people are more economical, spending less on foolish gew gaws, and making the very best of their opportunities. One cause of this, he represents, is a growing indisposition on the part of store keepers to give credit; another that there is a greater desire on the part of the people to prepare for emergencies, a third, that in of their past experience, a change in their plans of living was deemed necessary. The result of this improved prosperity of the people will be to make a general exodus from Lousiana extremely improbable. Mr. Stamps was a prominent Republican politician, but he has now laid his politics by and gone into a business in which he can do more for his race by looking after their interest in the exchanges of commerce than in the halls of legislation. We want thousands of men like Mr. Stamps and our planters owe to themselves to send him their consignments.

There was a recent entertainment given, not a thousand miles from where some of our readers live, at which outfits for the cast were furnished by the scenist. When the performances were at an end, one of the outfits was missing. One of party upon whom a slight suspicion rested was afterwards accosted by the scenist about the matter, but he denied any knowledge about the matter. Subsequently the party was seen on the street wearing a portion of the outfit. The scenist, a few days thereafter, found the manager and another member of the troupe, and accompanied by them called on the suspected party and confronted him with ocular proof of his guilt. He owned up, promised restitution, and that refused, had to "fork over the cash," or run the risk of a trip to the penitentiary.

J. H. W. Shaw, who was in this city in the palmy days of "The Lotos" Club, has "turned up in New York. He now edits "The Suffragist" the initial copy of which lies before us. In these perilous times he enlists himself under the banner of independent journalism and will train (no doubt) along with such apostles as George Wm. Curtis, and follow in the wake of the late Sam. Bowles. Go ahead, drive your quill, Brother Shaw; advocate the now worn-out policy of conciliation; contend manfully that the Negro shall have his rights properly respected in and by the Republican party, but do not make this duty a mere pretence for invariably landing yourself within the Democratic party.

We trust our readers, one and all, will carefully note the article of Mr. Needham on the culture of the fig. Fruit culture has made rapid strides within the last few years, bringing articles which only those in moderate circumstances could buy within the purchasing power of the poorest. We see no reason why the fig cannot flourish in this latitude and be made a source of revenue. Nineteen years ago we saw a vigorous plant as far North as Saratoga, N. Y.—why not in Maryland, Northern Virginia and Pennsylvania? We suggest the consideration of this matter to the people, especially to those of Hillsdale.

The "Council Fire," published by A. B. Meacham in this city, in the interest of the Indian, has reached us. We welcome it, and its cause. The Negro and the Indian questions have ever been perplexing problems to the Nation; while the former, has measurably improved his status, the latter is rapidly losing his grip. As a savage there is no future for him; but as a citizen there is no reason why he too can not help maintain the dignity and grandeur of our American Republic.

The North Carolina "Republican" has ceased publication and in its place we note the "Raleigh Republican" comes forth. "Let the fittest survive."

BALTIMORE NOTES.

"Webb's Colored Pinafore Troupe and Orchestra" made their first appearance on Tuesday evening last at the Academy of Music before a large audience. Considering the short time that this company has been rehearsing, they did rmarkably well. The female portion of the company, however, deserve all the praise as they knew their lines and sang their parts far better than the male. Miss Carrie Hogan as Josephine, Miss Wright as Hebe, and Miss Talbert as Buttercup, acquitted themselves well and were frequently encored. Mr. Spriggs as Dick Deadeye proved himself a good actor, a fine singer and was up in his parts better than either the Captain or the Admiral. The choruses were well rendered, but the orchestra could and should have been better.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Chesapeake Marine Railway and Dry Dock Company at the Douglass Institue on the 12th inst, the following directors were chosen: John W. Locks, William H. Waters, Joseph Thomas, George Myers, A. Warfield, J. A. Coleman, Abraham Weeks, J. A. Seaton and James Paraway. The report shows that over $19,727 worth of work has been done at the yard during the year. W. N. Waters was elected president, and George Myers secretary. A dividend of four per cent on the $40,000 stock was declared.

The defeat of W. P. Whyte as U. S. Senator from this state is one of the best things that our legislature has ever done. Mr. White has never in his whole career done anything to help the advancement of our race. In every way possible he has placed obstacles in our way. His action in the Senate when questioned by Mr. Edmunds in regard to the eligibility of colored men to the jury boxes of our city courts, proved him no statesman if nothing more, and he degrades the high position he now holds by accepting the position of a criminal defender of such a fiend as Trust, the murderer of poor old Robinson, and it was enough to make even a democratic legislature of Maryland turn him down. Mr. Gorman deserves the thanks of the colored people of this state for the active interest he took, while speaker of the House of Delegates in 1872, in advocating a liberal appropriation for the colored schools, leaving the Chair to take the floor in support of the same.

The first practical move towards introducing colored teachers in our colored schools has been made by Father Slattery of St. Francis Xavier's parochial school. He has placed four colored sisters in charge of the school formerly taught by white teachers.

At the fair just closed, of the above church, they realized the large and handsome sum of $1,400.

The Bazaar of Notions held at the Boy's School of St. Mary's, the ladies netted over $250.

Among the holiday visitors to our city, we noticed Mrs. John B. Bailey and son, James and Miss Annie Flint, of Boston, Mass., Mr. Daniel Brooks and wife, of New York, Mrs Steward Erbb, of Mass., Misses Brooks and Silence, Messrs. Hyman and Lewis, of Washington, D. C.

P. E. N.

G. U. O. of O. F.

The members and lady friends of the Star of the West Lodge assembled at their hall Wednesday night at which time and place a re-union had been announced. Jerry Adams, N. G. presided, John Wesley Choir furnished the music, speeches were delivered by Brothers Payne, Chambers, W. C. Marshall and Julius A. Clark; after which the company repaired to the banqueting hall where a table richly spread awaited them. At midnight the company broke up. May Star of the West continue to prosper!

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The Patter of That Shingle.

When the angry passion gathering in my Mother's face I see,
And she leads me in the bedroom—gently lays me on her knee;
Then I know that I will catch it, and my flesh in fancy itches,
As I listen for the patter of the shingle on my breeches.

Every tinkle of the shingle has an echo and a sting,
And a thousand burning fancies into active being spring,
And a thousand bees and hornets 'neath my coattails seem to swarm,
As I listen to the patter of the shingle—Oh! so warm.

In a splutter comes my father—whom I supposed had gone—
To survey the situation and tell her to lay it on;
To see her bending o'er me as I listen to the strain
Played by her and by the shingle in a wild and weird refrain.

In a sudden intermission, which appears my only chance,
I say: "Strike gently, mother, or you'll split my Sunday pants."
She stops a moment, draws her breath, the shingle holds aloft,
And says: "I had not thought of that—my son just take them off."

Holy Moses! and the angels, cast thy pitying glances down;
And thou, family doctor, put a good soft poultice on,
And may I with fools and dunces everlasting commingle,
If ever I say another word when my mother wields the shingle.

—*Burlington Hawkeye.*

To be Ordained.

[From the National Republican.]

Pursuant to a call issued by the Berean Baptist church for a ministerial council of brethren, convened for the purpose of examining Brother William H. Scott, in view of his ordination to the Gospel ministry, the following brethren responded to the invitation: Rev. J. W. Parker, D. D.; Rev. William J Walker, Shiloh Baptist church; Rev. Dr. Green, Calvary Baptist church; Rev. Owen James, North Baptist church; Rev. Dr. C. Robinson, Bethesda Baptist church; Rev. Dr. King, Wayland Seminary; Rev. William Waring, Berean Baptist church. Rev. Dr. J. W. Parker was elected chairman and Rev. C. Robinson secretary. Brother William H. Scott was called upon to state his Christian experience, the evidence of his call to the ministry and his view of Bible doctrine, all of which gave entire satisfaction to the council; upon which the council voted to ordain Brother William H. Scott to the work of the Gospel ministry Friday afternoon.

An Interesting Sunday-School Review.

[From the National Republican.]

The closing quarterly review for the year ending December, 1879, of the Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Sunday-School was held in the beautiful auditorium of the church, which was crowded by the parents and friends of the children. The programme embraced music, essays and declamations, all of which were delivered in a highly creditable manner. The school, under the superintendency of Mr. J. H. Merriwether, assisted by an efficient corps of lady teachers, ranks among the best in the District and is a valuable adjunct to the live and progressive congregation attending the church. The interesting exercises closed with the presentation by the pastor, Rev. Frank Grimke, of a number of books to those pupils who were regular and punctual during the quarter ending.

Encouraging Words.

Petersburg, Grant Co., W. Va.,
December 29, 1879.

Editor People's Advocate:

Very nearly two months ago when I went to the office as usual for my mail, there was a paper with the rest of my mail, and on opening it I found at the heading the PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE. I read it over and over and only wished it was longer; but in a few days a second one came and then a third, and I am thankful to say I have read no paper that has given me the satisfaction that yours has. I am one of the down-trodden and oppressed sons of the despised African race—I was going to say unfortunate race, but the bright anticipation of the future prevents me.

I read in your noble little paper a speech of Mr. Matthews and also of Marshal Frederick Douglass, and would to God we had a few more such men as they. I never saw either of them, but I love them because of their noble qualities. While they and you are doing all in your power to elevate our poor race, I pray you God speed! You have not asked it of me, but I will get for you a good number of subscribers. T. K. CLIFFORD.

Answer This.

Did you ever know any person to be ill, without inaction of the Stomach, Liver or kidneys, or did you ever know one who was well when either was obstructed or inactive; and did you ever know or hear of any case of the kind that Hop Bitters would not cure.—Ask your neighbor this same question.

Hillsdale, D. C.

—Annual election of the Bethlehem Baptist Sunday School officers. C. N. Davis, superintendent; M. G. Toliver, asst. superintendent; E. E. Lucas, secretary; G. Simpson, asst. secretary; L. Gordon, treasurer; M. J. Phillips, librarian; I. Phelps, asst. librarian.

In Memoriam.

—The funeral services over the remains of James H. Butler were held in Asbury M. E. Church on Tuesday last, January 13th. The pastor, Rev. E. W. S. Peek, preached the sermon, taking his text from 1st Timothy, 1st chapter and the 15th verse. "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners," and also Heb. 7th chapter, 25th verse; "Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." The Reverend gentleman said, Thus speaks the great apostle of the Gentiles in advocacy of the great truth of salvation of which he was a participant. Its power had reached his case as a sinner, therefore he could tell it to others; what he had felt or experienced, he gladly recommended to others, for there is no scheme so effectual for human good as the scheme of man's redemption through our Lord Jesus Christ. It yieldeth the peaceful fruits of righteousness in this life, salvation in death, and assures a blissful rest in the eternal world above. This blessed truth of salvation for sinners we brought to our dear departed friend during his illness that he might trust in Christ for his salvation and be saved, and although he was indifferent at first to entertain the subject, yet, after repeated visits, and by constantly keeping the subject before him, he at length gave way to its influence. He felt he must die; he knew he could not recover; he felt the need of salvation; he called upon the Lord, saying, "I have come to the Lord to be saved I have asked Jesus to pardon me of my sin, and to receive me a poor sinner." He greatly desired to hear the hymn sung by his friends, "O wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me?" I am pleased to state that our dear friend did not seek the Lord in vain, he sought and found this precious salvation. On Thursday Jesus blessed him, and he greatly rejoiced in the salvation of his soul. This was his testimony: Jesus is good to me; I will speak for him: he saves me now: I can say Glory, Glory, I only desire strength that I may greatly praise him, praise him in the highest. Although I am too weak to say what I want, yet I would like to go out and tell everybody Thus did he rejoice. I received him in the church agreeable to his request awhile before he died. He said, "I am not afraid to die. I am willing to obey the summons The will of the Lord be done. Tell my friends to meet me beyond the swelling flood." Thus has passed away joyfully to his rest a young man highly esteemed and beloved by all who knew him.

The choir chanted "I would not live alway" The last look was taken, after which he was borne to his final resting place in Harmonia Cemetery. The following persons acted as pall-bearers: Tilghman Ross, John Hays, Spencer Green, Martin Franklin, Robert Lee and Henry L. Ross.

—Dr. Patton preached a very suggestive sermon against stealing last Sunday night with special reference to the colored people. It is still a topic of general conversation on University Hill.

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—George W. Williams, colored Representative of the General Assembly from Hamilton County, Ohio. was refused his dinner at L. Beck and Co's restauraut, in Columbus, on Friday, on account of his color. He will bring suit under the Civil Rights bill. The House of Representatives adopted a resolution asking an investigation by a committee of the House to ascertain whether or not the dignity of the House had not been infringed upon.—Ex.

—When the votes were being thrown for the candidates to fill the vacancies in the episcopal board, at the Methodist General Conference of 1872, it was found, one afternoon, just before adjournment, that Gilbert Haven lacked a few of being elected. Early the next morning a gentleman met a colored delegate, who said. "All night long the colored members of this conference have been wrestling in prayer that Gilbert Haven might be bishop, and he, please God, will be elected." And he was. Thus was he loved and honored by the colored people.—Ex.

—A. K. Manning superintendent of Zion Baptist Sunday School was very agreeably surprised on Sunday last by the presentation of a very beautiful gold-headed cane, by Miss M. L. Jordan on behalf of the teachers and scholars of said school. The presentation was accompanied by a very neat speech, which reflected credit on the speaker and those whom she represented. Mr. Manning on the recipiant of the same, made a few very appropriate remarks. TRUTH.

—The Sparta Social Club held its second annual meeting at their club rooms last Saturday and elected the following members as officers for the ensuing year: president, Jas. H. Smith; vice-president, John F. Craige: secretary, T. L. Brooks; treasurer, John C. Nalle. Executive Committee, Messrs. Lewis, Malvin, Govern and Savoy. A resolution expelling Charles H. Lee for non-payment of dues and side-board bill was passed by the club.

—On New Year's day last, among the many reception given in Baltimore, the most brilliant was the one given by Mrs. M. B. Brown, at No 4 Linden Ave., assisted by Mrs. Paul Davis and Miss Mattie E. Pryor of Washington, D. C. Every thing went off in style. They received about two hundred calls. The hostess was robed in white silk, trimmed with satin and silk lace, well becoming her loving features. Mrs. Paul Davis wore a handsome black silk trimmed with lace and white tulle. Miss Mattie E. Pryor, the pride of the house, received in white silk trimmed most tastefully with white tulle, lillies of the valley, and carojoal ribbon. The parlors were richly decorated with ever-green &c. The reception table was fine to behold; decorated with great taste and filled with the choicest meats, fruits and wines. The callers all come in conveyances, reminding one greatly of some great marriage among the "upper ten."

—The choir of St. Luke's P. E. Church as recently organized compose the following persons; Misses Mattie E. Lawrence and Mamie Syphax, soprano; Louisa Smith, Louisa Matthews and Mamie Harris, alto; Messrs. R. W. Tompkins, Malcolm J. Hawkesworth, A. Brodie and J. A. Johnson, tenor; J. Wm. Cole and J. Wesley Cromwell, bass; Chris. A. Fleetwood, Director and Chris. McKinney, organist. Misses Lawrence and Smith, Messrs. Tompkins and Cole compose the quartette. It is the intention of Mr. Fleetwood to argument this choir from time to time by the addition of other well known musical talent, thereby organizing one of the best and most effective Church chorus in this city. Mr. John C. Nalle has been invited to lend his assistance, which invitation it is to be hoped will be accepted.

—Upon the invitation of several Congressmen and other dignitaries. Dr. Crummell will repeat the sermon delivered by himon Christmas day, to-morrow evening in St. Luke's Church, corner 15th and P street. The public are invited. Seats free.

—After having been closed the past three months for repairs, the John Wesley Zion Church was opened for Divine service last Sabbath. The interior of the church presented a beautiful and most attractive appearance. The ceilings were frescoed by Mr. James, who gave entire satisfaction. Three services were held during the day and over $90 received by collections, exclusive of regular subscriptions from the members. Rev. Mr. Anderson, pastor in charge, is rapidly recovering from his late stroke of paralysis and was able to attend each service, though not to take an active part.

—It is suggested by a well known zealous man-and active member of one of our churches and presumably very liberal in his opinions toward other churches, that the officials of the Berean, 15th Street Presbyterian and St. Luke's Episcopal Churches, should come to some proper and definite understanding with reference to giving public entertainments for for the benefit of those churches. This gentleman holds, that the officials of said churches should endeavor to accommodate each other in this particular as regards time, thereby preventing conflicts. In other words, he would have these churches defer to each other in giving public affairs, for the same class of people he claims as a rule, lend their aid to the charitable efforts of these churches.

—Rev. Walker's flock surprised him last last week with a handsome purse and a quantity of groceries.

—Miss Coralie Franklin of Harper's Ferry was again here last week.

—James Butler, a former carrier of the ADVOCATE and whose figure was quite familiar on 4½ street in the days of the Shepherd regime, died of consumption last Sunday morning after a brief illness. During his sickness he professed a belief in the saving grace of a risen Savior and he died, therefore, in the triumphs of faith, leaving behind him as bright a testimony thereof as many a veteran of the Cross. "Meet me beyond the swelling flood" was the message he left behind to his many friends. Tuesday, 1 o'clock, p. m., the funeral exercises took place from Asbury M. E. Church, Rev. E. W. S. Peck, pastor, officiated and delivered a touching discourse.

The remains were interred at Harmonial Cemetery.

From Harper's Ferry.

—The regular quarterly meeting of the Freewill Baptist Church was held on the 10 h and 11th instants at Storer College, Harper's Ferry, West Va.

House called to order by Rev. A. H. Morrell in the chair; prayer by Rev. C. C. Wainwright; then a committee of seven was appointed to look after the wants of the delegates who were from Charlestown and Winchester, Va. Pleasant Valley Church being a branch of this, and feeling herself capable, sent in a petition to become an independent church, and it was granted. A sermon was delivered by Rev. B. Kirk, after which a collection of twenty-five dollars was taken for the benefit of the Missionary Society. Then those professing to be Christians joined in the Lord's supper, after which the benediction was pronounced by Rev. C. C. Wainwright.

The Sparta Club.

INSTALLATION CEREMONIES.

Last Friday evening the new officers elect of the Sparta Social Club for the ensuing year were installed at the club rooms on New York avenue. The following named gentlemen were present, including several invited guest: Messrs. R. H. Nugent, J. H. Smith, Chris. A. Fleetwood, J. L. Brooks, Harry Johnson, jr., Ralph Langston, Shermonte W. Lewis, James D. Kennedy, Thomas Barlow, Shepherd Harris, E. A. Savoy, William H. Harris, Carter A. Stewart, jr., Charles Bruce, Wm. W. Grymes, Thomas Harris, Judson Malvin, J. C. Nalle, C. B. Governs and a few others whose names we fail to recall.

At 8 o'clock sharp, Mr. Fleetwood, the retiring president, rapped the gentlemen to order, and declared the time had arrived to install and introduce the newly elected officers, which was done in a neat speech. Mr Fleetwood dwelt at some length on the past history of the Club, showing many difficulties and oppositions which it had to combat, and closed by introducing the newly elected president, J. Harry Smith. Upon assuming the chair Mr. Smith declared he would much prefer to cordially welcome all present particularly those invited. He had served as president of the Spartas' once before, hence this was a double honor He would use what energy he could command towards ensuring the future success of the club, and would to that end construe the constitution and by-laws strictly, and endeavor to enforce a strict observance upon the part of the membership. In this, he felt that he would have the earnest cooperation of every member of the club—at least he should expect it.

Without further ceremony Mr. Smith invited all present to gather around the festive board and partake of refreshments. After which the several officers elect were introduced save the vice-president, who was unavoidedly absent, as follows: T. Lawson Brooks, secretary; John C. Nalle, treasurer, and Messrs. Lewis, Savoy, Malvin, Barlow and Nugent, executive committee.

Toasts were read by Mr. Smith, toast master and responded to as follows:

"Invited guests," Wm. W. Grymes.

"The Executive Committee," Shermonte W. Lewis.

"The Spartas of '79," James D. Kennedy, of La.

"Duty of the Membership," T. Lawson Brooks.

"Ladies of Washington," Chris A. Fleetwood.

"Young Sparta Membership." Thos. Harris.

"Invited Guests," Thomas Barlow.

"The Citizens of Washington," E. Augustine Savoy.

"Duty of Social Organizations," Willian H. Harris.

"Future Prospects of the Spartas," John C. Nalle.

"The Press," J. A. Johnson.

"Memory of David Fisher, jr.," Charles Bruce.

The several speeches made, were of the highest order, and were loudly applauded. They were, to use the words of the president, as extemporaneous efforts, well worthy of any intellectual assemblage of gentlemen." Brief remarks were made by Messrs. Langston, Governs, Malvin and Johnson, jr., after which the club adjourned with singing the familiar song, "Auld Lang Syne." Mr. Kennedy was received very cordially by all present, and the subject of highly complimentary remarks by each gentleman who spoke. It is almost unnecessary to refer to the table luxuries furnished by the club. Suffice it to say, the Spartas never do things by halves. The future prospects of the club in every particular are assumed beyond a doubt. And if the leading members will use their influence to inaugurate the reforms promised by introducing several new features, we find an organization socially existing in this District second to none among our people throughout the country

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The father of the boy has brought suit in the United States circuit court at Cincinnati for $20.000 damages, and retained Judge Blackburn and other able counsel.

It is time that Ohio had gotten over such beastly conduct as trying to deprive a boy of his right to an education simply because, by the accident of birth, he is not white. In beautiful contrast with Ohio's conduct stands the policy of Indiana. No child can be excluded from the school privileges of Indiana on account of color.—*Leader*.

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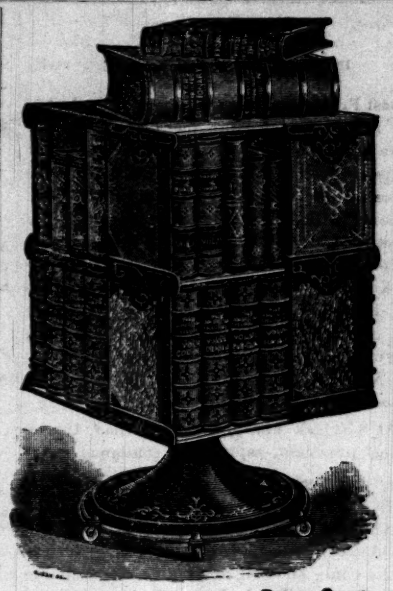

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